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VIA CM/ECF

August 13th, 2015

The Honorable Mae A. D'Agostino United States District Judge James T. Foley Courthouse 445 Broadway Albany, New York 12207

> Re: United States v. Archie Rafter Docket No. 14 Cr. 360 (MAD)

Dear Judge D'Agostino:

Please be advised that I have been retained by Archie Rafter to represent him in the above-captioned case. I respectfully request that the Court permit me to substitute as counsel. I have discussed this substitution of counsel with AUSA Katherine Kopita who advised me that the Government has no objections.

I will be filing an electronic notice of appearance separately.

Respectfully,

Merchant Law Group LLP

Daniel DeMaria, Esq.

cc: BY ECF

Katherine E. Kopita

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